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MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2002 AT 2:00 PM

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
18th FLOOR, ROOM 4 (18-4)

AGENDA

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- MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2001

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RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2002-2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE SW 97TH AVENUE FROM SW 40TH STREET TO SW 8TH STREET PROJECT (*PUBLIC WORKS*)

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**D. FY 2002-2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
AMENDMENT**

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING AN AMENDMENT TO MODIFY THE FY 2002-2006 TIP FUNDING DESCRIPTION FOR WEST 68 STREET FROM WEST 19 COURT TO WEST 16 AVENUE PROJECT (*PUBLIC WORKS*)

E. FY 2002-2006 TIP MODIFICATION

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING MODIFICATION TO THE FY 2002-2006 TIP TO INCLUDE ROADWAY DRAINAGE AND NEW AND RESTORED SIDEWALKS, CURBING, AND PEDESTRIAN PATHS AT VARIOUS LOCATION (*PUBLIC WORKS*)

F. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

(FIU) TO PREPARE THE 2002 MPO ANNUAL NEWSLETTER REPORT
(*MPO SECRETARIAT*)

**G. REVISED AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION REPORT WITH
THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 2025 LONG
RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

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CONFORMITY DETERMINATION REPORT FOR THE 2025 TRANSPORTATION
PLAN FOLLOWING TRANSIT PROJECT PRIORITY MODIFICATION APPROVED
BY THE MPO BOARD AT ITS DECEMBER 6, 2001 MEETING AND
REAFFIRMING THE MIAMI-DADE 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLAN AS
ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 6, 2001 (*MPO SECRETARIAT*)

V. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. CITY OF NORTH MIAMI: COMMUNITY TRANSIT CIRCULATOR STUDY

B. CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH INTERMODAL ANALYSIS

**C. MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT CENTER (TMC)
REQUIREMENTS STUDY**

**D. KROME AVENUE (SW 177TH AVENUE): REQUEST FROM HOMESTEAD AND
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**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL
(TPC)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA**

**MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2002
2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 18-2**

SUMMARY MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Mr. Jose-Luis Mesa, TPC Chairperson. The following members were present:

1. Jose-Luis Mesa, MPO Secretariat, TPC Chairperson
2. Alex David, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS)
3. Servando Parapar, Miami-Dade Expressway Authority
4. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation
5. Joseph W. Johnson III, City of Miami Beach
6. Bruce Offord, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
7. Lee Rawlinson, Department of Planning & Zoning (DPZ)
8. Irma San Roman, MPO Secretariat (Non-Voting)
9. Ari Rivera, Miami Dade County Public Works
10. Lee R. Feldman, City of North Miami
11. Douglas Yoder, Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM)
12. Michael Williams, Tri-County Commuter Rail Authority
13. Carl Fielland, Miami-Dade County Seaport
14. Aurellio Rodriguez, Miami-Dade Transit Agency

The sign-in sheet is on file at the MPO Secretariat Office listing staff and other visitors present at the meeting. A recorded tape of the meeting is also available at the MPO Secretariat Office.

Mr. Mesa welcomed Mr. Alex David to the TPC Council who is representing the Miami-Dade County School Board.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Mesa asked if there were any additions, deletions or modifications to the agenda. Ms. San Roman stated that Carlos Roa, MPO Project Manager, requested that Item V.C be presented first within the Information Items because the Consultants needed time to make their flight. The Council agreed.

Mr. Rawlinson moved approval of the agenda. Mr. Parapar seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Yoder moved approval of the minutes of the November 19, 2001, meeting. Mr. Donn seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. CTAC UPDATE

Mr. Mike Hatcher gave a brief overview of CTAC's goals and accomplishments. He stated that the telephone survey should be available within the next two weeks. In response to a question that was raised at the last TPC meeting by Mr. Feldman, Mr. Hatcher explained that the telephone survey would address the geographic area of the respondent. He also stated that CTAC is currently exploring the possibility of hosting a televised interactive public meeting on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). In relation to Florida Highway Administration's (FHWA) recommendation to the MPO, which stated that CTAC should increase its Hispanic representation, Mr. Hatcher informed the Council that CTAC currently is a reflection of the citizens that want to work rather than a reflection of the ethnic composition of Miami-Dade.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. FY 2002-2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2002-2006 TIP TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR NE 15 AVENUE FROM NE 170 STREET TO NE 163 STREET PROJECT AND FOR THE NE 12 AVENUE FROM NE 151 STREET TO NE 167 STREET PROJECT

Ms. San Roman introduced the item and Ari Rivera and Jeff Cohen of Public Works Department presented the item.

Mr. Cohen informed the committee that the proposal involved two projects. Mr. Rivera added that the proposed changes would not affect any other projects listed in the TIP.

Mr. Rawlinson asked the reason for the proposed changes to the TIP. Mr. Rivera responded that by allocating these funds the Public Works Department could accelerate the request from the city.

Mr. Rivera moved for the approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Donn. The resolution was approved unanimously.

B. FY 2002-2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2002-2006 TIP TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE SW 97 AVENUE FROM SW 40 STREET TO SW 8 STREET PROJECT

Ms. San Roman introduced the item, and Jeff Cohen of Miami-Dade Public Works Department presented the item.

Mr. Cohen explained to the Council that the proposed \$1.12 million was a result of a bid estimated design shortfall.

Mr. Yoder asked if the shortfall was a result of the engineer doing a poor job. Mr. Cohen responded that the engineer uses a standard pricing system that gets updated periodically.

Mr. Mesa asked if the municipalities that are being affected in these TIP amendments are being notified. Mr. Rivera stated that before these TIP amendments are presented to the MPO Board, a letter would be sent to the affected municipalities notifying them of the proposed changes.

Mr. Rivera moved for approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams. The resolution was approved unanimously.

C. FY 2002-2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2002-2006 TIP TO ADVANCE THE REDESIGN COSTS FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SECOND YEAR OF THE TIP FOR SW 127 AVENUE FROM SW 120 STREET TO SW 88 STREET PROJECT

Ms. San Roman introduced the item and Mr. Cohen presented it.

Mr. Cohen stated that this was a request by Commissioner Moss and the citizens within his district. He further explained to accelerate their request, PWD need to advance the redesign costs in the amount of \$600,000 for the roadway improvements to the FY 2002-2003. He further explained these funds would be taken from the FY 2004-2005 by the method of borrowing from resurfacing from FY 2003 and restoring it back by resurfacing in FY 2004-2005.

Mr. Rawlinson asked if there still would be a significant shortfall of funds in FY 2004-2005 for this project. Mr. Gaspar Miranda, PWD, stated that a shortfall would still exist. He further stated that a source of funding has

yet to be identified for this project. Mr. Rivera added that the project is still listed in the unfunded section of the TIP.

Mr. Feldman asked if it made sense to advance funds if there were no identified source of funding for this project. Mr. Rivera responded that since this was a request from the Commissioner, the PWD is obligated to proceed to the TPC and the MPO Board with this request.

Mr. Parapar wanted clarity on how the proposed TIP amendments relate to the Public Works program as a whole. Mr. Rivera responded by stating that the agenda item IV.E would have a significant impact on the Public Works program as a whole. He further stated that agenda items IV.A-D are project specific and do not go beyond impacting that particular project.

Mr. Yoder stated that clarity needed to be presented to the MPO Board that stated that the impact would be to the cost of the design and in future years would be an impact to the construction costs as well. Mr. Mesa stated that this could be addressed in the Memo to the Board.

Mr. Parapar stated that the memorandums should also address the difference between the construction, operational and maintenance costs. Mr. Rivera stated that a supplement memorandum would mention this issue.

Mr. Rivera moved for approval of the resolution, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The resolution was approved unanimously.

D. FY 2002-2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2002-2006 TIP TO REALLOCATE FUNDING FOR THE WEST 68 STREET FROM WEST 19 COURT TO WEST 16 AVENUE PROJECT

Ms. San Roman introduced this item and Mr. Cohen presented the item.

Mr. Rivera moved for approval of the resolution, and the motion was seconded by Mr. David. The resolution was approved unanimously.

E. FY 2002- 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) MODIFICATION

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN MODIFICATION TO THE FY 2002-2006 TIP TO INCLUDE ROADWAY DRAINAGE AND NEW AND RESTORED SIDEWALKS, CURBING, AND PEDESTRIAN PATHS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Ms. San Roman introduced this item. Mr. Rivera presented the item.

Mr. Rivera stated that this amendment was a housecleaning item. He explained that it reflected one of the Board members concern in regards to safe route to school, which was addressed under the sidewalk category. He further stated that the amendment also addressed projects that were listed as “still in construction” but were actually completed. He concluded by stating that this amendment would expand the projects and allow them to be more comprehensive. He further stated that the PWD had decided to come before the Council after the Budget hearing in which they would present the changes and how these changes affects the PWD program.

Mr. Rivera moved for approval of the resolution, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Yoder. The resolution passed unanimously.

F. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU) TO PREPARE THE 2002 MPO ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CITIZENS

Ms. San Roman introduced the item and Mr. Clinton Forbes, MPO, presented the item.

Mr. Forbes informed the Council that the newsletter will provide information regarding Miami-Dade County’s transportation vision as it relates to the recently approved 2025 Transportation Plan and statements that will be collected from MPO Board Members on their perspectives of the transportation needs of the county. He further stated that the report would highlight current projects under design or construction. In addition, he stated that the report would be printed in English, Spanish, and Creole. He concluded by informing the Council that the newsletter should be published May 19th 2002.

Mr. Yoder stated that the newsletter is a great opportunity for the MPO to inform the public on the transportation needs of Miami-Dade. Mr. Mesa responded that a box could be added that would demonstrate the large amount of monies that everyone had contributed in efforts to relieve the transportation problems of Miami-Dade. He further stated that a formula could be used to portray the portion of funds contributed verses the population need.

Mr. Feldman commended the MPO in their efforts to reach the Haitian population. He stated that he was concern that a written translation in Creole may not reach the target market. He further stated that an audio translation would be more beneficial. Mr. Forbes responded that the County recently hired a Creole translator. He further stated that the MPO is researching a newspaper that has a distribution of about 25,000 Haitian subscribers.

Mr. Feldman suggested that the newsletter should be placed on private jitneys and transit services and other transportation services offered.

Mr. Yoder moved the approval of the resolution and Mr. Donn seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

- G. REVISED AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION REPORT WITH THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE REVISED AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION REPORT FOR THE 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOLLOWING TRANSIT PROJECT PRIORITY MODIFICATION APPROVED BY THE MPO BOARD AT ITS DECEMBER 6, 2001 MEETING AND REAFFIRMING THE MIAMI-DADE 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLAN AS ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 6, 2001

Ms. San Roman introduced the item.

Mr. Johnson moved for the approval of the resolution and Mr. Rivera seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

- H. TITLE VI REVIEW ACTION PLAN FOR MIAMI-DADE MPO**
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE TITLE VI REVIEW ACTION PLAN FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MPO

Ms. San Roman introduced the item and Mr. Forbes presented the item.

Mr. Forbes gave a brief summary of the MPO response to the Florida Highway Administration (FHWA) Florida Division, Civil Rights Program. He explained to the Council that the attached yellow document titled “Summary of Title VI Review Action Plan for Miami-Dade MPO” was a summary on how the MPO would address the recommendations made by FHWA in regards to Title VI.

Mr. Feldman requested that a change be made in the action plan to include advertisements using other media sources, such as radio and /or television.

Mr. Feldman moved for the approval of the resolution as modified and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The resolution was approved as modified unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

C. MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT CENTER (TMC) REQUIREMENT STUDY

Ms. San Roman introduced this item, and Mr. Mike Pietrzyk and Mr. Firoz Kabir, Center for Urban Transportation Research, presented the item.

Mr. Kabir gave a brief summary of the Miami-Dade County Transportation Management Center Functionality Study. He informed the Council that the purpose of the study was to assist Miami-Dade MPO and its partner agencies in planning and implementing regional transportation management centers (TMC) in Miami-Dade County. He further stated that the study was based on using inputs received from the agencies responsible for operating freeway management systems, traffic signal control systems, transit services, as well as, providing incident and emergency management services in the Miami-Dade County metropolitan area. He also stated that federal guidelines on TMC implementation, state-of-practice on TMC operations and functionalities, and state-of-art-on TMC development and operations in major metropolitan area were used to conduct the study. He concluded by informing the Council on results of the TMC study.

Mr. Parapar stated that the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) should have been included in the study. Mr. Kabir stated that Mr. Carlos Roa, MPO Project Manager, would contact MDX to collect data.

A. CITY OF NORTH MIAMI: COMMUNITY TRANSIT CIRCULATOR STUDY

Ms. San Roman introduced the item and Mark Alvarez, Meridian Consulting, presented the item.

Mr. Alvarez gave a brief summary of the North Miami Community Transit Circulatory Study. He stated that the study was commissioned to examine the transportation needs of the City of North Miami, and to prepare a comprehensive plan for the implementation of one or more circulators within the City of North Miami. He further stated that the City identified

two specific objectives to be met by a municipal circulator program. In addition, the City identified the senior citizens, students, and commuters as the three populations at greatest need for such a service. He informed the Council that the City reviewed and analyzed previous information from former research. In addition, interviews were conducted with MDTA, City of North Miami, North Miami Foundation, Miami-Dade School Board, and Johnson & Wales University students and to selected North Miami residents. He further informed the Council that public hearings were also conducted during the Study. He concluded by displaying the two proposed routes that developed as a result of the Study.

B. CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH COMMUNITY MOBILITY PROGRAM

Ms. San Roman introduced this item and Mr. Bruce Chatterton, Chatterton Consulting, presented the item.

Mr. Chatterton gave a brief description of the city of North Miami Beach Community Mobility Program, Project Bank, and Work Program. He stated that the Community Mobility Program provides a blueprint for the creation of a balanced multimodal transportation system for North Miami Beach and the immediate vicinity. He also informed the Council that the term “Project Bank” includes descriptions of 32 transportation-related improvements. He further stated that the 15-Year Work Plan describes relationships between the Project Bank improvements, including those projects that are complementary, related or dependent upon one another. He concluded by stating that the Project Bank and the Work Plan when taken together provide an integrated, phased program of transportation improvements.

C. MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT CENTER (TMC) REQUIREMENTS STUDY

This item appeared first under the information items as reflected on page 7 of this agenda.

D. KROME AVENUE (SW 177TH AVENUE)

Ms. San Roman informed the Council that the Mayors of the City of Homestead and City of Florida City requested that Mayor Penelas have the Krome Avenue issue revisited. Ms. Roman further stated that the MPO Secretariat has not received anything from the Mayor’s office, therefore, the Krome Avenue is for information only.

Sergio Burino, City of Homestead Senior Planner, stated that the Mayor of Homestead and Florida City are both concerned about Krome Avenue. He stated that the congestion build-up on the road have increased dramatically in the past three years. He further stated that the need for improvement on Krome Avenue is there, especially now that there is more development. He concluded by asking the Council the proper steps to getting the Krome Avenue issue readdressed by the Board. Mr. Mesa stated that he would either get a direct response from Mayor Penelas or the issue might be referred to the MPO Secretariat office or another county department for response. He further stated that the normal procedure is to make a formal request to make an amendment to the TIP in which it would get process.

E. MIAMI GARDENS DRIVE: STATUS REPORT

Mr. Ken Jeffries of FDOT introduced the item and Mr. Craig Miller of Miller Consulting, Inc. presented the item.

Mr. Miller gave a brief summary of the Miami-Gardens Drive Study. He stated that the purpose of the study was to identify transportation improvements for Miami Gardens Drive (SR-860) between Red Road (NW 57th Avenue) and I-75 to meet existing and future transportation demands of this east-west corridor. He further stated that individual improvements would be combined to form a preferred alternative for further study during the Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) phase. He concluded by informing the Council that the residents of Miami Gardens are not in favor of a six-lane configuration, but would tolerate some capacity improvements if they could receive some landscaping. He further informed the Council that the study is now trying to develop an alternative that could accommodate the residents and the other parties involved.

F. FY 2003-2007 TIP DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

Mr. Roa informed the Council that TIP Development Schedule is for their information. He further informed the Council that in order to comply with federal requirements a Draft TIP would be posted on the MPO website on February 5, 2002. He also stated that that the MPO office should receive all submittals before January 28, 2002. Mr. Roa further stated that the March 5, 2002 TIP submittals would be the last TIP document version provided to the MPO. He concluded by stating that the March 5, 2002 TIP agency submittals would be taken to all committees and the MPO Board with no modifications. He further asked the Council to provide support in the MPO efforts to comply with federal requirements.

V. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL
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**MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2002
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FOLLOW-UP

***(ITEM IV.A-E FY 2002 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT)***

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